MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : He is bound to control the receipt of revenue. He is responsible to see that all revenues realised in his branch are credited to Government.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*) : May I know whether Government propose to take any action with regard to the dereliction of duty, if any, on the part of the Controller of Patents and Designs ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : That matter will be considered.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*) : May I know whether the accounts in the Patents and Designs Department have been subjected to check by the Account Officer ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : It is a simple account and it is not usual to have it checked by an outside agency.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*) : May I know whether Government will order a general check of the accounts relating to the Patents and Designs Department ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : After the discovery of the first defalcation the accounts *were checked* in detail and then it was that the other defalcation was found out.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*) : May I know whether the checking was done for the whole period ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : No.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*) : May I know whether Government think it advisable to check the accounts for the whole period ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : That will be considered.

G. O. re transfer of officers.

113. **MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN** (*Commerce and Industry, North*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have issued any orders to the effect that generally officers should be transferred once in three years ;

(*b*) if so, when ;

(*c*) whether they have subsequently ruled that the said order will not affect the officers of the Public Works Department ; and

(*d*) if not, the reasons for retaining the Executive Engineers in the same stations without being transferred ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) and (*c*) These questions do not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

(*d*) The interests of the public Service did not necessitate such transfers.

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